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TOKYO FOR AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: STATESMAN ARTICLE

1. WARREN UNNA STATESMAN ARTICLE ON SENATE VOTE AND AMBASSADOR'S PLANS HAS BEEN THE SUBJECT OF MUCH DISCUSSION IN DELHI ALL DAY. EMBASSY RESPONSE TO INQUIRIES HAS BEEN "NO COMMENT". HOWEVER, UPI CORRESPONDENT LEON DANIEL HAS FILED A STORY CITING "U.S. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS" HERE AS "ACKNOWLEDGING" THAT SENATE ACTION MIGHT CAUSE A CHANGE IN AMBASSADOR'S PLANS. THIS IS EVIDENTLY BASED ON SOME PURELY SPECULATIVE BACKGROUND CONVERSATIONS DANIEL HELD THIS MORNING WITH TWO EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO REPEATEDLY TOLD HIM THAT ANY SPECULATION ON THE AMBASSADOR'S PLANS-- OR ANYTHING ELSE--ON THE BASIS OF THE UNNA PIECE WOULD BE JUST THAT, PURE SPECULATION. DANIEL SEEMS TO HAVE DISREGARDED THESE CAUTIONS.

2. FYI: DANIEL PIECE BEGINS "AMERICAN OFFICIALS HERE TODAY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT UNITED STATES AMBASSADOR DANIEL P. MOYNIHAN
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MAY DECIDE TO RESIGN HIS POST FOR A BETTER ONE IN THE STATE

DEPARTMENT". IT THEN TIES THIS JUDGMENT TO "DISILLUSIONMENT" ARISING FROM THE SENATE VOTE ON THE RUPEE SETTLEMENT. AFTER REPEATED ATTEMPTS TO MAKE CLEAR TO DANIEL THAT HE WAS OVERLOOKING THE OFF-THE-RECORD AND UNFOUNDED NATURE OF THE CONVERSATIONS HE HELD, DANIEL HAS AGREED TO "INSERT" INTO HIS PIECE THE NOTATION THAT EMBOFF COMMENTS WERE "SHEER SPECULATION".

3. WE RECOMMEND THAT IF THIS MATTER SHOULD COME UP AT DEPARTMENT BRIEFINGS, SPOKESMAN SHOULD DISMISS UPI STORY DATELINED NEW DELHI AS "PURE SPECULATION, OBVIOUSLY NOTHING MORE THAN THAT SINCE AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN IS PRESENTLY IN JAPAN," OR PICK OTHER SUITABLE MEANS OF DISCOUNTING AND DISCREDITING THIS PARTICULAR UNFORTUNATE ITEM BY AN OVEREAGER AND UNDEREMPLOYED REPORTER.

4. IF AMBASSADOR WISHES TO COMMENT FROM TOKYO, HE HAS SUBSTANCE OF UNNA PIECE SENT EARLIER.

5. CHASTENED EMBOFFS ARE RETREATING WITH RELIEF TO THE "NO COMMENT" LINE AND REGRET THE WHOLE SEQUENCE.
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